QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Increase in house rent.

1. *Mr. N. Narayana Kurup (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) Whether they have received any representation from a section of the Alleppey public, requesting to take action against the house owners, who increase the rent abnormally at this time;

(*b*) whether the Cochin Government have taken any action against the house owners, ordering them not to increase the rent during war; and

(*c*) whether the Government have taken any action on the representation in (a)?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This Government will obtain full particulars of the scheme.

(*c*) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know from the honourable member how long since the representation has been received?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai: About 5 months back.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know from the honourable member what preliminary step has been taken?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai: The Municipal Chairman at Alleppey as well as the Chairmen at other Centres have been addressed so that we might collect the necessary information with a view to taking legislative action.

Mr. G. Revi Varma (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): With reference to answer under clause (c) of the question, will the honourable member be pleased to state whether any scheme is under consideration of Government?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai: Arrangements are being made and where it is thought that relief is necessary action will certainly be taken.

Water Supply in the Municipal Town of Kottayam.

2. *Mr. P. Gopalan (*Vaikom, Kottayam and Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether they have felt the necessity of water supply in the Municipal Town of Kottayam; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, what are the steps taken for the same?

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